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TAGS: CASC, RP ( LEHMAN, AUGUST MCCORMICK, JR)

SUBJECT: W/ W AUGUST MCCORMICK, LEHMAN, JR

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1. WHEN GENERAL VER, CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY COMMAND, RAISED OTHER ASPECTS OF ALLEGED PLOTTING AGAINST MARCOS DURING MEETING WITH DCM TODAY, LATTER TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS EMBASSY' S GROWING CONCERN AND TO REPORT RENEWED INQUIRIES FROM WASHINGTON OVER FACT THAT IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO LEHMAN SINCE JANUARY 2.

2. GENERAL VER PROFESSED SURPRISE, SAYING THAT " THE MILITARY COMMANDER" HAS STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT CONSULAR VISITS. HE RECALLED HIS OWN INTERVENTION TO OBTAIN VISITATION RIGHTS IN NOVEMBER- DECEMBER, IN CONTRAST TO DENIAL OF RIGHT AT TIMES TO SOME FILIPINO " POLITICAL" PRISONERS, WHICH WE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH CONTINUING GRATITUDE. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HIS MEMORY IMPERFECT AND THAT HE WOULD CHECK OFFICE RECORDS, VER ASSERTED:

( A) THAT LEHMAN HAD RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE LETTER FROM A PARENT, BEING UNCLEAR WHETHER FATHER OR MOTHER;

( B) THAT FAILURE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH CONSUL ON  
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ONE OCCASION MIGHT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE, AS HE SEEMED TO RECALL, LEHMAN HAD NOT WISHED ANY VISITORS;

( C ) INVESTIGATION OF LEHMAN' S ROLE OF ASSASSINATION PLOT IS " COMPLETE"; AND

( D ) HE UNDERSTANDS CHARGES ARE BEING PREPARED.

3. DCM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IMPLICATION OF POINT ( D ) ABOVE THAT LEHMAN WOULD BE CHARGED AND ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY MIGHT SO REPORT. VER IMMEDIATELY BACKED AWAY SAYING, AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THAT INTENTION OF GOP WITH RESPECT TO LEHMAN WOULD BE DETERMINED AT FAR, FAR HIGHER LEVEL THAN HIS ( MEANING, THAT IS, BY MARCOS) . HE REAFFIRMED STATEMENT THAT PREPARATION OF CHARGES IS UNDER WAY BUT DID NOT KNOW OR WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER THEY WOULD BE FILED OR PLACED IN COLD STORAGE.

4. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, CONSUL GENERAL IS SEEKING FACE- TO - FACE MEETING WITH DFA UNDERSECRETARY COLLANTES TO PURSUE PROBLEM OF UNANSWERED NOTES ( REFTEL ) AND ARRANGE VISIT IF LEHMAN WILLING OR OBTAIN WRITTEN AFFIRMATION BY DFA THAT HE IS UNWILLING IN THAT ALTERNATIVE. IF THIS FAILS TO REMOVE SNAG, WE WILL BE BACK TO VER, AND AMBASSADOR STILL PLANS, PER REFTEL, TO RAISE GENERAL QUESTION OF LEHMAN' S STATUS AND OF GOP' S INTENT WITH MARCOS WHEN FEASIBLE.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO TYPING FOREGOING, VER HAS TELEPHONED RSO - GIVING EVIDENCE OF HIS CONTINUED COOPERATION WITHIN HIS MANDATE - TO IDENTIFY MP COMPANY COMMANDER AT FT. BONIFACIO AS INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS STANDING AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE VISIT BY CONSULAR OFFICERS ON TWENTY- FOUR HOURS NOTICE. WILL FOLLOW THROUGH TOMORROW.  
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